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Dedicated to Bluebird Enthusiasts

The Florida Bluebird Society's mission is the conservation and protection of bluebirds and other federally protected cavity nesting bird species in North America. The FBS encourages a collaborative effort from its members and readers to provide information, ideas and articles to help collect and disseminate pertinent and relevant information pertaining to bluebirds in Florida.

The FBS is an affiliate of the North American Bluebird Society.

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The Bluebird Clutch Gallery



We would love to fly into your backyard and see pictures of your bluebirds with any informative and interesting stories you may have about them. Please keep pictures to a maximum of 4 for each submission and a short story if you have one. We may have to edit your submission to accommodate space or to complement other newsletter content for that issue.

We can use one submission per monthly issue so we will save multiples received for future issues. Please email your pictures and stories to Barbie Arms, FBS Corresponding Secretary at floridabluebirds@aol.com

Glenda in Tallahassee Florida

My FOS Bluebird hatched right on schedule. Three more eggs are in that clutch, I hope to find they have hatched when I get home from work. Mama # 2, with five eggs should start hatching soon as well. I often see another pair doing the wing-flap routine and checking out a third box, but this pair, I believe, has their heart set on the Red-bellied WP cavity that is very close by. I keep telling them to give it up, that the woodpeckers are not about to hand over the key to their new home that they have been building from scratch. The woodpeckers have also let them know this. The bluebirds have a fair amount of straw in the box, and I'm wondering how much more time they are going to waste, before they settle on last year's model. I saw bluebirds checking out the 4th and 5th box recently, and there is some minimal "Claiming" straw in both of them, but have no idea if these are the same 3rd pair? For my two neighbors I am also monitoring their boxes and have a nest in progress with a female incubating five eggs, so they are both excited. I think in my Dad's yard, the pair abandoned a nest that has been complete for over two weeks, or something happened to the female.

Hope you all have lots of babies to monitor.

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Heathrow Elementary School in Lake Mary, Seminole County, Florida erects a Bluebird Box



Submitted by Faith Jones FBS Treasurer



NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Dunlin	Riverview, FL.
Danny Moore	Riverview, FL.
Jim & JoAnn Radcliffe	Saint Johns, FL.
Wild Birds Unlimited	Jacksonville, FL.

We are excited you joined our nest!

Cool Bluebird Facts



The oldest recorded Eastern Bluebird was 10 years 5 months old.

-From the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center longevity records-

Exciting News!

We are now registered with the USA National Phenology Network website <http://www.usanpn.org/home> We are registered with Nature's Notebook a new project available for groups and Organizations. This Notebook will allow our members to report their nesting data on bluebirds in Florida. More info to come as we develop our Notebook.

We have a new email address floridabluebirds@aol.com . Future group mailings and newsletters will be sent through this new address so please adjust your mail preferences to continue to receive our important membership information.

****Reminder****

If **you** are planning to change **your** email address please inform us and send updates to Barbie at the new address floridabluebirds@aol.com

Homes for feathered friends

Our semi-annual meeting in March was published in the Marion Messenger paper on April 7, 2011. You can go to the website westmarionmessenger.com or type in this link below.

<http://www.westmarionmessenger.com/content/homes-feathered-friends>

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Website <http://floridabluebirdsociety.com/>

Or

Email: floridabluebirdsociety@yahoo.com

DelphiForums: where you can ask questions about Eastern Bluebirds

Florida Bluebird Society at Delphiforums

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/FLBluebirdSoc.start>

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